

Let America Speak Out!

By ROY HUDSON

Christmas is the season when traditionally the American people reaffirm their faith in the ties that bind together the family and the people as a nation of free men. This year, the Christmas period will unquestionably be another occasion when the American people will assert their unshakable unity and determination to win the war and smash fascism.

Because of everything we associate with this period of the year we must feel even more keenly the burning shame of Earl Browder's imprisonment—an injustice that cries out to high heaven for rectification.

It would be a sorry day indeed if, in the land of Washington, Paine, Jefferson and Lincoln, there were not voices raised in protest and condemnation of Browder's continued imprisonment. Yes, it would be a dreary Christmas indeed, if in this period the American people did not again speak out for the release of Earl Browder.

The bitter irony of it! Our nation engaged in a mortal struggle against fascism—and one of America's most consistent and courageous anti-fascist fighters imprisoned in Atlanta prison! This is a crime against the nation not merely against Browder as an individual.

All the more honor, then, to the million organized workers who have petitioned President Roosevelt for Browder's release. All honor to the many, many outstanding individuals from all walks of life who have also urged Browder's release. These Americans saw through technicalities to the heart of the issue. They did not hesitate out of fear of what the appeasers and friends of Hitler and enemies of our nation might say or do. They were not timid souls afraid to face the issues. Like true Americans they could not rest when confronted with an injustice, until justice is done. They did not try to save their consciences by hiding behind technicalities but were true to their consciences by declaring that the real crime is to keep Browder in prison. This is the true heart and character of America. And this America will prevail!

Every local union of the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods should concur in the action already taken by a million trade unionists. Every trade union leader that is worth his salt should raise his voice with the 2,000 union officials that have already spoken out. From the ranks of science, art and the professions, from the fields of learning and politics, from the pulpit and from among the Negro people there are already many outstanding citizens who have urged Browder's release. Every citizen should consider it both an honor and a duty to follow their example.

Let the voice of America cry out — Free Earl Browder!

Rev. Fosdick Urges FDR Free Browder

Noted New York Clergyman Signs Plea; Says Jailing Mars National Record

The Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick of Riverside Church in an appeal to President Roosevelt urged that during "the approaching Christmas season when the spirit of goodwill is abroad in the land, you exercise your power of clemency and release Earl Browder from prison," it was announced yesterday by the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder.

In the government's brief to the Supreme Court, Rev. Fosdick declared, it was stated by the prosecution that the Browder case does not involve any question of moral turpitude.

The petition signed by Rev. Fosdick and other clergymen pointed out that the time Browder has already served exceeds that served in cases where criminal intent was charged and proved.

Earl Browder has been imprisoned since March 26, 1941. He was sentenced to four years and fined \$2,000. The petition signed by Rev. Fosdick follows:

"Earl Browder is now in Atlanta Penitentiary serving a four-year sentence charged with violation of a passport law. He has already paid a fine of \$2,000, and on Christmas day will have served nine months in prison. In the government's brief to the United States Supreme Court, the Attorney General stated that this case does not involve any question of moral turpitude on Mr. Browder's part.

"The time he has already served exceeds that served in cases where criminal intent and consequences were charged and proved. Therefore it seems to us that the continued imprisonment of Mr. Browder becomes an injustice which should not be permitted to mar our national record.

"We who sign this petition do not subscribe to Mr. Browder's political philosophy, nor do we consider his views an issue in this case.

"Mr. President, we ministers of the gospel, which proclaims justice for all, respectfully request that during the approaching Christmas season when the spirit of goodwill is abroad in the land you exercise your power of clemency and release Earl Browder from prison."

Ship's Crew Gives Day's Pay for Navy Bomber

BOSTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—All 31 crew members of the American corvette *Edwards*, including several of foreign extraction, today donated a day's pay toward a bomber to be built for the U. S. navy.

It was said to be the first voluntary contribution.

JAPANESE RAID MANILA AREA

Soviets Recapture Key Town Near Mozhaik

Derna Airport Falls, British Gain In Libya

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VOTE 20-44 WAR DRAFT

Congress Agrees on Bill; Men 18-64 to Register

BOOST NAVY LIMIT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—Legislation creating a potential draft army of 7,000,000 men between the ages of 20 and 44, inclusive, received final Congressional approval today and was rushed to the White House.

Final action came on a Senate-House conference report. There was no record vote in either chamber.

President Roosevelt and the War Department had recommended that the minimum draft age be placed at 19. The chamber fixed the draft "floor" at 21.

The Senate voted to subject all males between the ages of 19 and 44, inclusive, to active military duty.

Conferees from the two houses today speedily agreed on a compromise fixing the age at 20.

As Congress mobilized the nation's manpower for the all-out war against the Axis, Chairman David I. Walsh, D. Mass., of the Senate naval affairs committee, introduced legislation authorizing an increase in the enlisted strength of the Navy to 500,000 and of the Marine Corps to 104,000 men.

This would double the present strength of both services.

The 1941 draft law lays the ground work for the largest army in the nation's history. It calls to active or non-combatant service the young and old alike.

Some 40,000,000 males between the ages of 18 and 64, inclusive, must register. Only those who have passed their 20th birthday and not their 45th may be assigned to active duty. There are about 7,000,000 in this class regarded eligible.

The remainder, who do not have physical or occupational deferment, will be drawn upon as needed for non-combatant work.

DRAFT MACHINERY GEARED
Selective service headquarters was ready tonight to throw the draft machinery into high gear as soon as the President signs the measure into law.

Anticipatory steps already have been taken. Draft boards have been instructed to re-examine occupational deferments. Selective discharge when the original draft age limit was reduced from 36 to 28 are being recalled. Physical rehabilitation of those

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FDR Ignores Queries On Wake, Midway Aid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—President Roosevelt shrugged his shoulders today when he was asked at a press conference whether there were any plans to relieve the heroic garrisons resisting Japanese attacks on Midway and Wake Islands.

Plans of such a nature are strictly military secrets.

More Civilian Training, Discipline, Mayor Urges

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, Director of Civilian Defense, appealed today for more training and discipline in civilian defense work and emphasized that we are "not holding back on anything" in our protection program.

The Director of the Office of Civilian Defense stated at a press conference this afternoon that providing communities with the necessary fire-fighting equipment and intensifying the training of air raid wardens were the big steps ahead on the civilian defense front.

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Labor-Industry Talks to Continue

See Snag in Employer Group; Conference to Resume Monday

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—After failing to reach an agreement by the deadline fixed by the President, the Industry-Labor conference which has been meeting here for the last three days to work out a war-labor policy recessed until Monday morning at 10 A. M.

William H. Davis, moderator of the conference, told newspapermen at 7 P. M. this evening that he had just telephoned the President at the White House to inform him that the delegates had been unable to reach an understanding in the time requested. The President had asked for an agreement by Friday night "at the latest."

Davis said that the President's only instructions were to carry on with the conference on Monday. "When I've reported to the boss that I haven't done what he wanted, I feel bad," Davis said.

TO CONTINUE TALKS

But he emphasized that he had by no means given up hope that the 12 labor representatives and the 12 employers representatives would work out a voluntary agreement for the elimination of strikes during the war as an alternative to drastic legislation such as the Smith bill.

"It is my opinion that the longest way around," Davis said, "is sometimes the shortest way home. You make haste slowly sometimes."

CIO President Philip Murray revealed that the full CIO Executive Board consisting of all affiliated union presidents would meet tomorrow morning. A similar meeting of the A. F. of L. Executive Council to weigh the deadlock in the Industry-Labor conference is also understood to be scheduled for tomorrow morning.

There seemed to be little doubt that the real obstacle to an agreement so far has been the stand-

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RAF Stages Attack Upon Nazi Warships

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—British bombers last night attacked Germany's 36,000-ton battleships *Scharnhorst* and *Goeben* and the cruiser *Prinz Eugen* for the third time in 24 hours in a raid on the docks at Brest, occupied France, the Air Ministry announced tonight in a communique.

All British planes participating in the raid returned to their base, the communique said. The German warships were attacked twice the previous night.

Colombia Breaks Off With Germany and Italy

BOGOTA, Colombia, Dec. 19 (UP).—Colombia broke off diplomatic relations with Germany and Italy today.

Foreign Minister Luis Lopez de Mesa summoned German Minister Wolfgang Dittler and Italian Minister Manfredi Christini to the Foreign Office in the San Carlos palace at noon and officially informed them of the rupture of relations.

President Eduardo Santos, in an address broadcast last night, said Colombia would not declare war except to protect her own soil from aggression, but added:

"Colombia is not indifferent or neutral. We are with our friends and we shall stand for them."

Creating Allied War Command, Says FDR

Confirms Report; Gen. MacArthur to Head Pacific Forces

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—President Roosevelt confirmed today that plans for creation of an inter-allied command to master-mind world-wide operations are being discussed here.

He said the talks have been going on every day for weeks. Coincidentally, he nominated Lieut. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Commander of U. S. forces in the Far East, to hold temporary rank as full general—a rank usually reserved for the Army's chief of staff.

Significantly or not, this rare action came in the midst of British proposals that MacArthur be given Supreme Command of Allied Far Eastern Forces when, and if, the nations fighting the Axis formally establish a super-strategy council.

While the promotion was recommended tentatively as a reward for MacArthur's direction of the gallant Philippine defense against Japan, it likewise was viewed as a possible prelude to consummation of the British suggestion.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENTS

There were these other main developments in Washington on the war:

1. Secretary of State Cordell Hull vehemently denied reports the State Department had requested that U. S. naval patrols suspend activities around Hawaii during pre-war diplomatic talks between the United States and Japan. He classified such a report as a fifth column story, or at least a twin brother to a fifth column.

2. In addition to the MacArthur advancement, President Roosevelt promoted 16 other officers, also serving in the Philippines, to hold temporary high ranks—four Brigadier-Generals to be made temporary Major-Generals and 12 Colonels to be temporary Brigadier-Generals.

3. Rear Admiral Frederick J. Horn, "scholar diplomat" of the U. S. Navy, was expected momentarily from Martinique where he negotiated a secret accord with French authorities which barricades that strategic French Caribbean naval base against any Axis thrust.

4. Congress quickly conferred subpoena powers on the five-man special board named by Mr. Roosevelt to investigate the Pearl Harbor attack of Dec. 7 and determine why American defenders were "not on the alert." The powers were voted to enable the inquiry board to question civilians under oath. The board will go to Hawaii.

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Red Army Recaptures Ruza, Near Mozhaik

Entire German Division, Including General, Annihilated

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—Soviet troops have captured Ruza, 55 miles west of Moscow, and are advancing on Mozhaik, 14 miles to the southwest, where the Germans, their northern and southern flanks shot away, have dug in for a last-ditch battle, Eastern Front dispatches said tonight.

The Soviet offensive, now in its 13th day, was surging ahead on all fronts. A communique broadcast by the Moscow radio said that on the southwestern front, presumably around Kharkov, the entire 134th German infantry division (at least 15,000 men), including the commanding general, was wiped out. The general was killed and the only survivors were taken prisoners.

In addition to Ruza, the Soviets captured Tarusa, 70 miles south-

RUSSIA'S HELL, NAZIS SING AS THEY RUN

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—The Soviet News Agency Tass reported from Moscow today that German soldiers are singing a song with this catchline: "Back to Germany, Russia is Real Hell."

Veres of the song has been found in German prisoners' notebooks, the agency said.

west of Moscow, and Kalino, 120 miles southwest of Moscow, the communique said.

It credited the destruction of the German 134th to Commander Gordinian's troops and said that "not a single German succeeded in escaping." Commander Sokolov's troops were said to have recaptured four more localities in the Moscow sector, and Maj. Gen. Boldin's artillery was credited with inflicting "the severest losses" on the Germans.

The communique reported that five German and three Soviet airplanes were shot down Thursday and it said the Soviet Air Force in addition destroyed 28 German tanks and other material and annihilated one regiment of infantry and two platoons of cavalry.

The Germans were reported to be hauling up strong reinforcements for a decisive battle about 80 miles west of Moscow.

One German motorized and one infantry division, accompanied by

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Made Full General



GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

British Take Derna Airport, By-Pass City

Found Retreating Axis Columns; El Mekili Under Heavy Attack

CAIRO, Dec. 19 (UP).—British Imperials have captured the important Axis airbase at Derna, 175 miles inside Libya, and Royal Air Force planes 100 miles beyond are battering communication lines and strafing retreating enemy troops, it was announced today.

The airbase was occupied last night, a General Headquarters communique said, but the rich oasis town of 10,000 where an American expeditionary force under William Eaton fought the Tripoli pirate in 1805 still is in enemy hands.

In their last drive across Libya, at the start of this year, the British took Derna on Jan. 30 after storming it three days. Derna is about 150 miles from the port of Benghazi. The last British drive went as far as El Angheila, 140 miles west of Benghazi.

BLAST EL MEKILI

While the British are 175 miles inside Libya along the Mediterranean Coast, at the southern end of the line the drive carried another 25 miles deeper into Libya, around the important rail and highway junction of El Mekili (El Mechili), 40 miles southwest of Derna. El Mekili, still held by the enemy, is under terrific attack.

British are pursuing the retreating Axis forces toward Derna and also around and beyond Mekili, the communique said, indicating that the British probably have advanced beyond Mekili and trapped portions of the enemy there.

No details are yet available on captures around and west of the main Gazala battlefield, 60 miles southeast of Derna where the British announced victory yesterday.

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Hongkong Feared Lost, Penang Is Evacuated

British Halt Fire at New Defense Line North of Singapore

Allied Fronts

PHILIPPINES—Fierce fighting rages around Japanese beach-heads on Luzon. Filipino "parashooters" organized to combat parachute troops.

MALAYA—Japanese capture Penang Island; Singapore girls in most onslaught.

HONGKONG—Japanese claim to capture; British say contact with island is lost.

SOVIET UNION—Nazi digging in 80 miles west of Moscow for last ditch stand; Soviet offensive rolls on in Leningrad, Finnish and Donets fronts.

AFRICA—British offensive gains speed; Derna airport taken as empire forces skirt Axis stronghold and keep going.

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 19 (UP).—Swarms of black Japanese airplanes blasted Philippine defense bases again today and natives began organizing "parashoot" battalions to meet any attempted airborne invasion.

Reports of fierce fighting around the three Japanese beach-heads on Luzon Island, on which Manila lies, were brought here by persons who had fled from Manila at the outbreak of the war and now were returning because the remainder is safer here. They told of natives armed with bolo knives and sharpened, pig-sticking bamboo poles, fighting off Japanese invaders in the Vigan area of Ilocos Sur Province, 250 miles northwest of Manila, enabling women and children to evacuate.

The daily bulletin reported that legions of "parashooters" had been organized in 23 localities in Batangas Province, at the southern end of Luzon, not far from the Japanese beach-head at Legaspi. Volunteer guards and ordinary inhabitants possessing guns were banding under the direction of police chiefs to fight off any parachuting droppings in their area.

ATTACK CAVE

A communique said that 24 planes attacked the main United States naval base at Cavite, eight miles across Manila Bay from here, about noon. The planes flew in from the north, well beyond the range of the base's anti-aircraft guns, started down, unloaded their bombs, then streaked away toward Corregidor, 25 miles from Manila at the entrance to Manila Bay. It was not learned whether Corregidor was bombed, but anti-aircraft smoke rings could be seen in abundance in that direction.

Manila had two alarms, one lasting from 12:32 to 1:01 P. M., and another from 1:41 to 2:17.

A communique revealed that more than 30 Japanese planes bombed Iloilo City, on Panay Island 300 miles south of Manila, at 1:30 P. M. yesterday, causing civilian casualties and property damage, and that a small force of Japanese bombers attacked military objectives near Tarlac, near Fort Stotsenberg, 50 miles north of Manila, yesterday afternoon.

MARINES AT WAKE HOLD OFF JAPANESE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—United States Marine defenders of Wake Island have countered new Japanese air attacks aimed at dislodging them from their hold on the tiny mid-Pacific stepping-stone between Hawaii and the Philippines.

Navy communique No. 12, issued today, reported that Japanese aircraft struck "comparatively light" blows against the garrison on Wednesday night (Wake time) and hit again with "greater force" Friday morning.

"Wake Island continues to counter these blows," the Navy said.

The communique did not mention the plight of tiny Midway Island, whose garrison also is staging an isolated struggle against the enemy. Midway is another in the stepping-stone island outposts west of Hawaii.

The Navy and President Roosevelt have cited the bravery of the Wake and Midway defenders. Mr. Roosevelt

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Japanese Bomb Manila District

Hongkong Feared Lost as Penang Is Evacuated; Singapore Drive Halted

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It was asked at a press conference today whether an attempt would be made to relieve the beleaguered fighters. He gave no reply, as any such plans would be secret.

FEAR HONGKONG LOST AS JAPANESE LAND

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—The fate of Hongkong tottered in the balance tonight as the hard pressed British garrison fought a gallant but seemingly hopeless fight against Japanese forces landed on the main island of the Crown Colony.

The Colonial Office announced at 7:30 P. M. tonight that a report from Japanese sources that Hongkong was in Japanese hands could not be confirmed or denied, could no message had been received from the colony since early this morning.

(A Tokyo radio report heard in Manila said Hongkong had been in Japanese hands since 11 A. M. Friday (Tokio time). It said a heavy pall of smoke hung over the colony as a result of the intensive Japanese bombing and shelling which prepared the way for the invasion of the island.)

STILL RESISTING

The Canadian, Scot and Indian defenders of Hongkong were committed to fight to the last man, and latest reports said they were resisting stoutly in that part of the island still in their hands.

It was literally a life and death struggle for the outnumbered but not out-fought garrison. With the whole region under a hail of Jap-

anese bombs and artillery shells in adjacent waters, British reinforcement evidently was out of the question.

"The comparatively small garrison of Hongkong has considerable area to defend, and it is not a very easy task," a military commentator said after announcing that the Japanese had landed in considerable force and heavy fighting was going on.

"The position of the island is serious," he added.

PENANG EVACUATED, BRITISH ANNOUNCE

SINGAPORE, Dec. 19 (UP).—The British Empire's Far Eastern defenders fought on against overwhelming odds today with the great naval base at Penang lost, Hongkong invaded and Singapore left alone as a major bastion on the ship route to Eastern Asia.

Penang, guardian of the northern end of the Malacca Straits separating British Malaya from the Netherlands East Indies, has been evacuated. It was announced officially, Japanese land forces, driving down the slim Malacca peninsula, had captured the mainland opposite Penang Island, leaving it hopelessly outflanked.

HOLD NEW LINE

Reports indicated the island base was totally abandoned and the last members of the garrison moved on to new positions south of the Perak River, which empties into the Malacca Straits about 100 miles south of Penang.

Singapore itself was in long-range peril from the Japanese advance in Malaya.

Even before they captured Penang, the Japanese had driven 30 miles past it on the mainland to within about 230 miles of Singapore. This advance and the Japanese march past Kota Bharu on the opposite coast left British-held Malaya in the shape of a pear, with Singapore at the tip of the narrow end and the top rounded off by Japanese offensives in the northwest and northeast.

A British communique said that "very heavy casualties" had forced the Japanese to pause "for rest and reinforcement" short of the new British defense lines along the Krian River.

Along this stream, running from the coast about 40 miles south of Penang in a northeasterly direction across Malaya, it appeared the first full-scale battle for Singapore would be fought.

DUTCH BOMBERS ACTIVE
Japanese positions in another partially invaded British colony, British North Borneo, were the target of Netherlands East Indies bombers today, a British communique said. Bad weather prevented observation of the results. All the Dutch planes returned safely.

A Dutch communique issued at Batavia described the attacks as "heavy," and said they were directed at Japanese ground troops which had obtained a foothold on the island. The Dutch reported that Japanese planes carried out an attack on Pontianak, on the coast of Netherlands West Borneo, killing scores of persons, including several school children. Dutch Army and Navy forces interned a large number of Japanese in a raid on a Japanese settlement in North Borneo, the communique said.

Scores Killed in Japanese Raid On Dutch Borneo

BATAVIA, Dec. 19 (UP).—Scores of persons were killed, including a number of children, and more than 100 were injured seriously when Japanese planes raided Pontianak, on the coast of West Dutch Borneo, a Netherlands communique announced today.

The raid lasted nearly an hour during which a number of high explosive and between 20 and 30 incendiary bombs were dropped on the town, setting a fire in the Chinese quarter which was still burning some hours later. The children were killed by a direct hit on a Dutch-Chinese school.

Farm Ideal for Air Base, Cuba Arrests German

PINAR DEL RIO, Cuba, Dec. 19 (UP).—Intelligence service agents today arrested Hermann Stahmer, wealthy German agriculturist from Hamburg who owns a farm near here. Army officials said the farm could be converted easily into an airbase.

The agents also arrested Antonio Garcia Menendez, Spanish cane grower charged with totalitarian sympathies. Both men were jailed pending trial.

5 Killed in Plane Crash

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—Five members of the crew of a four-engine army bomber were killed, and three injured, in a crash near Geiger Field, Wash., on Wednesday, the Army announced today.

Support U.S., Mexican Chamber Asks

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19 (UP).—A manifesto issued by the Chamber of Deputies today urged all Mexicans to forget past differences with the United States and offer the northern neighbor full support in the current war.

"Let us forget our differences of other times with the United States," the manifesto said, "offering them today our loyal friendship and cooperation with their cause, which is also ours and the cause of civilization, art and culture."

The Mexican Senate issued a similar manifesto last week.

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"As momentarily all attention is concentrated on maintaining relentless pressure against the retreating enemy."

The communique said enemy strongholds still were holding out at Bardia, just over the Libyan border, and at Halfaya, on the Egyptian border, far east of the main battlefield, "but these are being subjected to heavy aerial bombing and artillery fire."

(A military commentator in London said the enemy apparently was retreating west in two columns, one moving along the coast from Derna and the other from Mekhili. He said the British were advancing along both lines and also toward other points north and west of Mekhili. He said Gazala was captured on the morning of Dec. 17.

"It looks like some sort of stand will be made along the Derna-Mekhili line," the commentator said. He stressed the value of the Derna airfield because it is one of the few good landing fields in that portion of the Cyrenaica coast (the hump of Libya area) and he said that the harbor there would provide a useful supply base when the British take the town.)

Italian Labor Leaders Meet Today on War

To Chart Program for Allied Aid Here at City Conference

A conference of Italian-American labor leaders of all unions of Greater New York to rally the city's 350,000 unionists of Italian birth or parentage for victory over the Axis, will be held at noon today at 218 West 40 St., headquarters of Local 89 of the ILGWU.

The conference is called by a provisional committee of Italian-American union officials which includes Luigi Antonini, vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and secretary of its Italian local; Edward Molisani, manager of Italian Clockmakers Local 48 ILGWU; Joseph Catalano, co-manager of the Joint Board, Amalgamated Clothing Workers and August Bellanca, vice-president of the ACW.

The conference aims to show New York that its Italian-Americans, far from being friends of the fascist rulers of Italy, will be among the front rank supporters of the war for a victory that will eventually free their folk in Europe.

The tentative program calls for a permanent body to coordinate the work of Italian-Americans behind the war effort and in support of all branches of the services, purchase of defense bonds, aid refugees from Mussolini's terror, and combat sabotage activities of agents of fascism.

An invitation was sent to Italian union leaders of all shades of opinion, a spokesman of the committee said.

Plans are also under way for a great rally of Italian-Americans at Madison Square Garden to express all-out aid for the war.

Italian Furriers Hold Loyalty Rally Monday

All Italians in the trade have been called upon to attend a meeting called by the Fur and Dyers Joint Board on Monday evening, at 7:30, where action will be taken by the Italian-American unionists to pledge unqualified support to President Roosevelt in the war against the Axis. It was announced yesterday.

The meeting was called by Samuel Burt, manager of the Joint Board and Dominick Flisani, joint board business agent. Meeting place will be the Cornish Arms Hotel, on 23rd St. between Eighth and Ninth Aves.

Red Army Recaptures Ruza, Near Mozhaik

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great batteries of artillery and 270 airplanes, were reported rolling into the Mozhaik sector to reinforce the five divisions of 75,000 men who have struggled in vain to stem the Soviet onslaughts.

The Red Army was hammering at the outskirts of Ruza, five miles west of here on the broad Moscow-to-Minsk highway, scene of some of the bloodiest battles of this and the Napoleonic wars. Napoleon lost 32,000 men in one battle near Ruza, where the Germans now were making their stand.

OFFENSIVE CONTINUES

Meanwhile, the Soviet offensive surged ahead from the Baltic to the Sea of Azov. Volkovo, 70 miles southeast of Leningrad on the main Moscow railroad, was reported under attack and far at the other end of the great front, the Red Army was reported getting closer to the rich Ukrainian industrial city of Kharkov, 410 miles south of Moscow.

Around Tuila, 110 miles south of Moscow, rich coal regions were reported falling once again into Soviet hands while all around the capital, many secondary roads were coming under Soviet control—giving Red Army commanders more and more lines of communication to supply their onrushing forces.

The regular morning communique reported the usual "fought the enemy on all fronts" and gave lists of accounts of Soviet victories at numerous but unspecified points on the great battlefield.

A British military commentator said that the Soviet advance apparently stretches along practically all of the central and southern sectors.

LENINGRAD VICTORY

The communique reported that around Leningrad Soviet fliers destroyed four German railroad trains, about 200 trucks and killed or dispersed 1,000 enemy troops.

Another enemy group was reported surrounded near Leningrad by Soviet troops who were "methodically exterminating" them after capturing three more villages. Street fighting was reported in progress in the enemy's rear at the village of "O."

(The British radio was heard in New York by the Columbia Broadcasting System reporting that another 18 settlements had been captured in the last 24 hours around the Kalinin sector, 95 miles northwest of Moscow.)

The communique reported the capture of Lance Corporal Michael Gast of the 34th German Infantry division who said his division was "hardly fit for fighting."

"We have very few soldiers while there are plenty of duties to perform," he was quoted as saying. "Some soldiers become thin and are barely able to stand on their feet. . . I have not washed for four weeks. I changed my underwear six weeks ago, but I was lucky. My comrades changed their underwear three months ago."

Federal, State Agencies Move To Other Cities

FDR Issues Order to Bolster War Effort; 12 Are Affected

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—President Roosevelt tonight ordered 12 federal agencies—or sections of them—transferred to other cities as part of a program to streamline certain federal and state government functions to bolster the war effort.

The order affecting 10,000 federal employees, was issued by the Budget Bureau.

The bureaus to be shifted, their new locations and the number of workers involved, follow:

Philadelphia, Pa.—Securities and Exchange Commission, 1,400; Bureau of Old Age and Survivors Insurance of the Social Security Board, 1,750; and the lien Registration, Certifications, and the Research and Education Division of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 950.

New York City—Patent Office, 1,400.

Chicago—Fish and Wildlife Service, 375; National Park Service, 175; Office of Indian Affairs, 300; Employees Compensation Commission, 500; Railroad Retirement Board, 1,000.

St. Louis—Rural Electrification Administration, 1,100; Farm Security Administration, 900.

Pittsburgh—Wage and Hour Division and part of the Office of the Solicitor of the Labor Department, 545.



WEST POINT CLASS OF '68: We've always wanted Corke to go to West Point said Mrs. Kelly, Jr., on news of President Roosevelt's letter to the President of the United States in 1956. Mrs. Kelly, wife of the Army hero who sank the Japanese battleship Haruna is shown with Corke Kelly, 3rd.

'Grateful,' Says Mrs. Kelly of FDR's Tribute

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 19 (UP).—The widow of Capt. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., first American hero of the second World War, said today that "Colin and I always wanted Corke to go to West Point" when informed that President Roosevelt had paved the way for her 19-month old son to attend the Military Academy in 1956.

She said she had not received any word from the President yet, but that as soon as she was officially notified she would write a "grateful" reply.

"I am very proud and appreciate it so. And I know Corke will go to West Point when he grows up," she said.

2 Fliers Get Distinguished Service Cross

Receive Highest Army Award for Heroism Against Japanese

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—The Distinguished Service Cross—highest honor the Army can bestow—was awarded tonight to two brave young fliers for "extraordinary heroism in action" during Japan's surprise dawn attack against Hawaii Dec. 7.

Honored were 2nd Lieutenants George S. Welch, 23, of Wilmington, Del., and Kenneth M. Taylor, 22, of Hominy, Okla., who, between them, shot down six enemy planes in savage aerial fighting over the island of Oahu.

They became the first men so honored in World War II. The decorations were announced in Army communique No. 19 which said: "These awards are the first of a number to be given for heroism in Hawaii and the Philippines during the present conflict. The others will be made in the future."

"It is the policy of the war department to award decorations for gallantry in action as promptly as possible."

Cuban Measure Declares State Of Emergency

HAVANA, Dec. 19 (UP).—The House of Representatives today passed a bill placing the nation in a state of emergency and empowering President Fulgencio Batista to rule by decree for 45 days.

Already approved by the Senate, the measure becomes law as soon as signed by Batista. The bill empowers the President and Council of Ministers to govern by decree "in order to place the nation on a war footing as quickly and efficiently as possible."

They also are vested with power to reorganize the armed forces and increase them by compulsory or voluntary means; levy special taxes to finance defense projects, and control communications, transportation, prices, commerce, agriculture and industry.

On the War Fronts

(As of December 19th)

BY A VETERAN COMMANDER

As far as the American sectors of the war are concerned, there is little to report, except for a rather strong Japanese air raid on the Island of Panay (Philippine Group). It is clear that the Japanese are poking around for another foothold on the Philippines after the seeming failure on Luzon. They are still there, but are not getting anywhere so far.

The situation in Hongkong seems critical, with the Japanese having probably effected a landing, as announced by them and not denied by the British. However, as we said before, the fall of Hongkong, while a moral success for the Japanese, would not be so important generally speaking, because the Hainan-Formosa line is in Japanese hands anyway.

The situation in Singapore is another matter. Here the Japanese have by-passed and isolated the Island of Penang which is an important base and industrial center, and are moving southward. It is to be expected that the British will make a stand somewhere on the Kuantang-Kuala-Lumpur line, 200 miles north of Singapore.

It seems that in Libya von Rommel's divisions have at long last been polished off. Their retreat toward Derna is a forlorn gesture to stave off a fast approaching end. However, the comparative weakness and jerkiness of the British attack does not seem to bode well for an energetic continuation of the campaign.

The developments on the Eastern Front create a picture of a sustained and well "fed" offensive along the entire front. Aside from the plan of the Red Army and its relentless untiring pursuit of the enemy, the thing to marvel at is the service of supplies which is being maintained over a zone where the railroads have preface been seriously wrecked both by the retreating enemy and the fighting itself.

The long expected push in the Kharkov area seems to be developing and consequently we see that Marshal Timoshenko's left wing is on the march again. Of course, it is quite obvious that the Germans will exert their greatest straining efforts on that front, because the collapse of their right wing would be especially disastrous in view of the shakiness of the rear in Rumania.

Up north, the Finns are letting out repeated squawks and the Germans seem to be leaving them in the lurch. The development of a large-scale Soviet offensive against Finland in early January would not be surprising. A thing which should be of interest to the military experts who have been headlining "General Winter" is the testimony of all American correspondents that the frost on the Moscow front is very moderate (in this connection it should always be remembered that ZERO ACCORDING TO THE EUROPEAN THERMOMETER IS ONLY 32 ABOVE ACCORDING TO OURS. Thus "subzero" temperatures on the Soviet Front may mean anything from 31 above and so down the scale). Sulzberger's diary (N. Y. Times) mentions "children skiing near the front in parks and woods." This would seem to indicate that the frost is far from heavy. There is something much more powerful than "General Winter" which is pushing the Germans back.

As to the fashionable theory of a new "Ludendorff retreat" on the part of the Germans—we shall have something to say about that tomorrow.

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Youth Congress Calls for Release of Browder Now

Unionists, Negro Leader Join in Pleas

From Philadelphia this week President Roosevelt received a letter from a trade union official who wrote: "This is the Yuletide and amnesty or pardon to Earl Browder would be a living example of the greatness of democracy, a call to our citizenry to arouse a real war spirit in support of the principles we hold dear. This to me is 'Unity for Victory'."

The letter was from Harold Kotzer, president of the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees of America, and it was but one of many similar communications to the President reported yesterday by the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder.

Wilford E. Levin, president of the New York State Improved, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a Negro fraternal order representing a membership of more than 25,000 in the State, wrote to the President that "any political faith as a Democrat is far different from that of Mr. Browder. However, it is my honest conviction that the punishment meted out to Mr. Browder is far too severe."

YOUTH ADOPT APPEAL

The national cabinet of the American Youth Congress, meeting in New York, unanimously adopted a resolution urging the President to free the anti-fascist leader.

"We believe," said the Youth Congress, "that Mr. Browder was given an inordinately harsh sentence and that his continuance in prison is opposed both to our American tradition of civil liberties and our declared anti-fascist policy."

Release of Browder, the Youth Congress told the President, "would be one of the finest gestures you could make in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights this year."

SHOE LEADER JOINS

In St. Louis, Thomas A. Grimm, vice-president of the St. Louis local of the United Shoe Workers, wrote to Tom Mooney, chairman of the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder, that as a trade unionist and a citizen he fully endorses the campaign to free Browder.

"I am not a Communist," he wrote, "but I do believe that the rights of all minority groups should be protected under our Constitution."

In Paterson, N. J., Local 75 of the Textile Workers of America wired the President urging the immediate release of Browder.

Japanese CIO Unionists Offer Services to U. S.

In a spirit of gallant self-sacrifice, American-born marine radio operators of Japanese descent who are members of the American Communications Association, CIO, pledged their "utmost support and loyalty to President Roosevelt and to the government and people of the United States," voluntarily relinquishing their jobs in the West Coast tuna fishing fleet, and offered their services to the government in whatever capacity they could serve, officials at the national headquarters of the union here announced today.

The men are members of San Diego Branch, Local 3, of the ACA and made known their sentiments in a unanimously adopted resolution.

"Recognizing the waning acts of aggression by the Imperial Japanese government and having nothing in common with them," the resolution stated, "we reaffirm and pledge our utmost support and loyalty to President Roosevelt, and his program, and to the government and people of the United States of America."

Denver Negro Parley Asks Browder Release

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DENVER, Dec. 19.—A conference of leading Negro citizens of the Rocky Mountain area, called for the purpose of promoting national unity in the war crisis, have forwarded President Roosevelt an appeal for freedom for Earl Browder.

Among the signers were D. Clarence Holmes, prominent in the fight for civil liberties; Lieutenant Earl Holmes, Dr. C. L. Hawkins and many others.

The conference was attended by William L. Patterson, Chicago Negro Communist leader. Patterson was guest of honor at a banquet during the conference and the following day he spoke at the East Denver Forum on "National Minorities and Their Contribution to National Defense."

Detroit Germans, Italians Pledge Aid

Groups Denounce Axis; Wire FDR on Unswerving Loyalty to Win War

(Special to the Daily Worker)

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 19.—Several hundred representatives of the Italian-American community of Trenton, including a number of the city's leading citizens, held a mass meeting and asserted their "unqualified and complete allegiance" to the United States and pledged their "unstinted and unceasing efforts" toward an American victory in the war.

In a telegram sent to President Roosevelt, the group, which resolved itself into the Committee of Loyal Americans of Italian Extraction of Mercer County, said: "We pledge unstinted and unceasing efforts to bring about a speedy victory over the brutal Japanese aggressors and their European Axis allies."

"We stand ready today and always, along with all other Americans, to give our lives and resources in the defense."

Judge George Pellettieri, of the City District Court, was elected permanent chairman of the committee with Miss Bertha Zoda as the permanent secretary.

The group, which will make its headquarters at the home of the Italian-American World War Veterans, donated \$500 to the Red Cross Emergency War Relief Fund, a collection made during the meeting. Pledges of another \$1,000 were made.

DETROIT ITALIANS PLEDGE LOYALTY TO PRESIDENT

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Dec. 19.—Italian-Americans and German-Americans in a message to President Roosevelt denounced the Axis powers and affirmed their readiness to make any sacrifices to help the Allies win the war.

The Italian-American Committee of Detroit, the Detroit Mazzini Society, anti-fascist organizations of Italians said: "We reaffirm our pledge of loyalty to the principles of justice and liberty for which free America and a free Italy stand."

GERMAN-AMERICAN VOW

The Detroit Chapter of the German-American Congress for Democracy sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt: "In this critical hour when our nation finds itself at war with the Axis powers, the members of our organization pledge their faithful allegiance to you and our government."

"We wish to keep and defend the freedom and the happiness that we enjoy under this great democracy. We shall fight until the sinister forces of the Axis powers have suffered complete defeat and the peoples of all nations now oppressed by power drunk madmen, are liberated and their right of self-government restored and their freedom and happiness secured."

Navy Needs Engineers, Issues List Of Positions

Men 21-31 With Full Qualifications Are Urged to Apply

"One of the Navy's greatest needs is for qualified engineers," Captain Paul P. Blackburn, USN (Ret.), Personnel Officer and Director of the United States Naval Reserve, Third Naval District, stated yesterday at district headquarters, 90 Church Street.

"Aeronautical, electrical, chemical, mechanical, industrial, radio, telephone and telegraph engineers are specifically needed and men with B. S. degrees in engineering with technical experience in radio are eligible for commissions in the Naval Reserve," Captain Blackburn added.

Geologists, geo-physicists, cartographers and manufacturing plant designers between the ages of 21 and 31 are high on the preferred list established by the officers detailed to procure men of experience and demonstrated ability for commissions in the naval reserve.

Other professional men that can qualify for commissions are navigators, deep sea yachtsmen, tugboat captains, doctors, fuel oil specialists, physicists with M. S. or Ph. D. degrees, naval architects, shipbuilders, plastic specialists, and meteorologists.

"Many patriotic citizens," Capt. Blackburn said, "have offered their services to the Navy since war was declared and those who met the Navy's requirements have been furnished with application blanks."

"Applicants should be between 21 and 44 years of age and be United States citizens either by birth or naturalized for at least 10 years. They must have the equivalent in practical and theoretical education of four years in college."

Newark CIO Organizes Aid On Home Front

All Locals Called on to Volunteer in Every Phase of Defense

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 19.—Special delivery letters went out this week to all C. I. O. locals in the Greater Newark Industrial Union Council, containing detailed instructions on how to take part in home defense work.

The letters included sample applications for the state home guard, fire and air raid defense wardens and blood banks. They are the first definite move in a proposed all-out drive to make the C. I. O. council—representing 15,000 to 20,000 union members—a big spearhead of defense in northern New Jersey.

A detailed plan of action is to be submitted to the council's executive committee next Tuesday night. One proposal calls for an early meeting of shop stewards with executive board members to study methods for accomplishing speedup for the war effort, without endangering workers' rights. A big meeting of women union members also is under consideration.

Destroyer Launched At Staten Island Yard

(By United Press)

The U. S. S. Bailey, a 1,650-ton destroyer, was launched yesterday at the Mariners Harbor, S. I., yard of the shipbuilding division of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

The Bailey, a sister-ship of the destroyer Farenholt, was the second of 12 destroyers to be launched at the yard. The Farenholt was launched Nov. 19.

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Award to Poster Winner: Mrs. Rogers Balcom (left), executive chairman of the Medical and Surgical Relief Committee of America, presents a check for \$25 to Frances Bird, first prize winner in the poster contest conducted by the committee among students of New York schools.

City CIO Maps Program to Annihilate Axis

7-Point System for All Aid in War Services Adopted by Council

A "victory program for annihilation of fascism" was adopted by delegates of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, at the first meeting of the CIO central body since war was declared.

The seven-point program, following the outline of all-out war support adopted at an emergency meeting of CIO officers on the day after Pearl Harbor bombing, calls for an active part by CIO members in all services.

Every affiliate in the city was sent a copy of the program, with many unions already carrying some of the steps. Earl Mills, secretary-treasurer of the Council reported.

In the field of production the Council called for management-labor councils in all war plants to promote a higher output and greater utilization of available economic resources.

Chicago CIO Electrical Shops Adopt Victory Plan

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—In 15 Chicago war production shops a declaration in support of the win-the-war program was adopted at shop meetings of the workers, it was announced here today by the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union.

East Side Blood Donors Rally Again

Expect 300 Volunteers on Monday; 120 Pints Already Donated

One hundred and twenty pints of blood have already been contributed by East Side citizens for the United States Navy and 300 more are expected on Monday, Dec. 22, between 8:00 and 9:00 P. M. according to an announcement by Mr. Harry Schlacht on behalf of the East Side Defense Council.

The Mobile Plasma Unit of the Red Cross will be on hand at the Home of the Sons and Daughters of Israel to take care of the tremendous crowd which is expected as young and old are proving by their contributions their eagerness to defend America.

All East Siders are invited to participate in this patriotic and urgently necessary campaign.

Damage in Blast at Arms Works Believed Slight

SANDUSKY, O., Dec. 19 (UP).—Army officers today withheld specific information on the extent of damage caused by an explosion at the government's \$400,000,000 Flumbrook Ordnance Works which produces high explosives. Two men were injured in the blast.

It was reported that damage was not serious, but army officers said additional information, if any, must come from the War Department.

Profiteers Hoard Food to Boost Prices, U. S. Shows Vast Supply

By Louise Mitchell

This week the Department of Labor announced that the cost of living has risen more than 18 per cent within the year.

Part of this rise was due to the conversion of commodities to war materials and reasonable shortages brought about by a war economy. But the major part of the increase has been created by ruthless profiteering and large-scale hoarding on the part of manufacturers and business-as-usual industrialists.

Sharp increases in living costs are often as not attributed to the panicky public by business spokesmen. Bread and Butter, a Consumer Union's weekly publication, noted on Nov. 10 but the truth is that most consumers have not been hoarding because they have little to say for that, the bulletin stated. It is a different story with manufacturers, business men and speculators," the report con-

tinued. "They have been grabbing up everything they can lay hands on whether it can be used in the normal course of their operations or not. Their hoarding of materials and goods, however, goes by the polite phrase—inventory accumulation."

According to Commerce Department figures manufacturers have already piled up \$13,500,000,000 of unused raw materials and unsold consumers goods. The Conservative National Industrial Conference Board in September reported that total inventories were 49 per cent above pre-war levels.

Bread and Butter further pointed out that many manufacturers have not only caused unnecessary shortages but have tried to make an inventory census for the Supply Priorities Allocations Board.

It quoted the New York Times as saying, "Thousands of manufac-

tures have much more than their normal inventories of materials and many have employed various artifices to stave off government requisitions."

VAST SURPLUS

The extent of this hoarding is brought out further by a Commerce Department report on cold storage. Comparing figures of Oct. 1936 with Oct. 1940, it was found that in 1940 there was 88 per cent more fresh fruit; 40 per cent more butter; 47 per cent more cheese; 13 per cent more eggs; 47 per cent more poultry; 88 per cent more beef; 18 per cent more pork; 47 per cent more mutton and 87 per cent more lamb.

A recent Fortune poll revealed that consumers are buying less food and clothing. Though 30 per cent were actually buying 25 per cent less clothing, the price of clothing had risen 13.5 per cent. The poll showed that just 11.8

per cent consisting of upper and middle income groups, have stocked up during the war emergency, while 85.1 have been unable to buy anything extra due to lack of money.

It asserted that food went up 12.6 per cent in six months; clothing rose 7.3 in three months and that both items alone constituted 45 per cent of the average family budget.

City and federal authorities have pointed out time and time again that there is no need for hoarding. Average consumers are heeding their words. But the profiteers who see a chance to wax rich are creating false shortages, thereby forcing the prices up.

Effective price control legislation will help put an end to this needless hardship on the small and low middle income families, which make up the largest bulk of the civilian defenders of our nation.

CIO Hotel Union Asks Detroit Unity

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Dec. 19.—CIO unionists in the hotel trades here yesterday appealed to the AFL Hotel and Restaurant Workers to "unite harmoniously together with the other workers of Wayne County and the nation in support of President Roosevelt's program of all-out effort to defend our country and to smash the Axis."

The CIO letter was signed by Paul Domeny, secretary of the Hotel, Restaurant and Beverage Workers, Local 1064 and was addressed to Max Gazan president of the AFL union.

Among the proposals made by the CIO union were: an election of three representatives of each of the union bodies to meet and consider "the best possible methods of bringing about complete organization of the culinary workers of Wayne County in a manner that will avoid friction, interruption of work and jurisdictional disputes between the above mentioned unions. . . the defense of the workers' rights against any attack, and the involvement of the culinary workers in the increasing production of war materials for our country and its Allies."

The CIO unionists also proposed that the joint meeting consider "how to involve the culinary workers in defense of our country by participation in the armed forces and in civilian defense of experts and skilled workers in kitchens, nutritional education, the Red Cross, etc."

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Thomas Asks Knudsen Act on Auto War Plan

Labor-Industry Talks To Continue Monday

Employers Aim to Freeze Open Shop Seen Snagging Agreement

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insistence of employers that the open shop be frozen wherever it now exists for the duration of the war. While refusing to state whether this was the only problem, Davis said that "this difficulty has definitely not been removed."

EMPLOYERS SNAG

Leaders of the employer group at the conference in taking this position were said to be Charles R. Hook, president of the American Rolling Mill Co., and Cyrus S. Ching, vice-president of the United States Rubber Company.

Both the CIO and the A. F. of L. representatives were understood to be in substantial agreement, and the problem facing the executive meetings of both organizations tomorrow will be how to meet the refusal of the industry representatives to compromise.

According to reliable reports sub-committees of the A. F. of L. and CIO delegates meeting jointly yesterday had reached an agreement. The CIO spokesmen at the joint meeting were Murray and United Mine Workers' President John L. Lewis. The A. F. of L. representatives were George Meany, secretary-treasurer of the A. F. of L., and Matthew Woll, A. F. of L. vice-president.

As worked out by the CIO and A. F. of L. leaders the formula was said to involve distinct compromises in the interests of national unity and of an agreement to eliminate strikes.

THE PEACE FORMULA

The formula was believed to be this: That the A. F. of L. and the CIO would voluntarily agree to forego the right to strike, during the war emergency with the understanding that the mediation machinery set up by the conference would have the right to award the closed shop to unions in war industry.

A closed or union shop agreement in defense industry would thus by no means be obligatory but it would remain within the discretion of the mediators to grant one when they believed the circumstances warranted.

The position of the employer spokesmen was understood to be that there must be a definite statement of policy that the mediation machinery set up by the conference could under no circumstances extend the closed or union shop to labor organizations which had not previously enjoyed such a contract.

Labor representatives pointed out that the effect of such a policy would be to thwart union organization in the expanding war industries.

There had been some reports that the AFL was willing to forego the possibility of closed shop decisions by the mediators set up to settle strikes, but it was understood that the AFL spokesmen at the joint meeting with the CIO and later at full sessions of the conference denied emphatically that this was their position.

SUBMIT POLICY

The formula worked out by the joint labor committee was said to have been submitted to the conference late yesterday.

Employer delegates were reported to have met most of the night considering the situation, and then arrived an hour late at the conference this morning with their refusal to accept the AFL and CIO proposal.

This stand by the employer dele-

gates had apparently blocked an early agreement by the conference which had previously been considered likely.

At his morning conference, the President was optimistic and he told reporters today that he believed the chances for an agreement were good. He said that he made this statement on the basis of the report he had received at 11 P.M. last night.

Midwest Fur Workers Go on 7-Day Week

Sault Ste. Marie Employees on Defense Orders Go 'All-Out'

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 19.—Over 1,000 members of the International Fur and Leather Workers, CIO, employees of the Northwest Leather Co. of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., will go on a seven-day, 24-hour day weekly basis to speedily turn out war orders, Ben Gold, international president of the union announced here today.

The general executive board of the IFLWU, holding its sessions here, had voted yesterday to support President Roosevelt's plea for a round-the-clock work week at all plants on war work. Local 223 of the union at Sault Ste. Marie was the first to ask permission to take the step, Gold said.

The board stipulated that the base week must be 40 hours with time-and-one-half for overtime.

Gold reported that the union 76,000 members gained wage increases for the past year amounting to a total of \$10,000,000 annually. The leather division gained 8,000 new members. Wage increases for leather workers ranged as high as 25 per cent.

Hotel Astor Signs AFL Union Pact; Wage Rises Won

The Hotel Astor, located in the heart of Times Square, yesterday signed a union agreement with the New York Hotel Trades Council, AFL.

The Astor has long been a hold-out against unionization in the three years the union has carried on active organizing activities in New York's hotels.

Under the contract the Council obtains full union recognition. The more than 800 workers in the Astor will benefit through an immediate wage increase of \$1 to \$1.50 a week, and will get another similar raise next June. Base minimum wage scales were set up and paid vacations and improved working conditions are provided.

Signing for the Astor were R. K. Christensen, Vice President and Ludwig Foerster, manager. Signers for the union included Jay Rubin, President of the Council; Gerald J. Duffy, Secretary; Fred Bauer, Shop Chairman of the Hotel Astor, and Joseph Kippelen, delegate from the dining room department.

The New York Hotel Trades Council which has contracts in about 100 hotels employing approximately 20,000 workers, recently signed union contracts with two other hold-out hotels,

CIO Seeks Reason for Delay in Conversion to Arms Production

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Dec. 19.—President R. J. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, today asked William S. Knudsen, director of OPM, why the union's plan for conversion of auto plants to war production was not adopted.

The union's telegram was sent as representatives of over a half million auto workers prepared to hold their conference at the Book-Cadillac tomorrow to take up the union's part in the war effort.

Layoffs affecting immediately 125,000 auto workers to a possible total of 250,000 by next month, are sweeping through the industry, as a result of curtailment of production of automobiles and failure of the companies to convert their plants to arms work.

PROPOSED CONVERSION

More than a year ago, the CIO proposed conversion of plants to plane and tank production and pooling of tooling resources. The auto manufacturers, however, went ahead with 1942 models, including changes which cut deeply into material sorely needed for war production.

Thomas asked Knudsen to inform the union of OPM's specific plans for conversion of the industry.

"To date we have had no report from you on why the CIO's program for conversion of the auto plants was not adopted," Thomas wired. "You will recall that President Roosevelt referred this program to you for your findings."

Thomas also asked Knudsen "to what extent and to what time do you estimate the unemployed of our industry will be re-employed in defense?"

AUTO FIRMS DELAY

With the country in the war and arms production far behind needs, criticism centers upon the auto manufacturers for their "business as usual" attitude. A typical example to illustrate the situation is the gigantic Tenenstedt plant of General Motors where 9,000 were laid off but only 328 are at work on war orders.

Plant managers when approached on the situation, claim they can do nothing and refer all matters to the general office of General Motors.

The UAW locals here have shown increasing initiative on the problem. For one thing, it is demanding adequate unemployment compensation. A union delegation put the demand at the state capital for change in the unemployment compensation act to provide \$28 weekly for 26 weeks yearly. This was denounced as "too radical" by spokesmen of the manufacturers.

A number of locals have already adopted war plans, the Boho Aluminum local, for example, called for increased production, cut down in waste, cut down in spoilage and a maintenance of unity in the shops at all cost, in the drive to outproduce Hitler.

The Plymouth local in its 16-point plan demanded immediate conversion of the plant to war work; a round-the-clock day and seven-day week, and immediate application of the CIO's management-labor joint council plan to advance war production.

future no alarm would be sounded until the Army had given the signal, and that where practice blackouts took place, sufficient advance notice would be given to the people.

Emphasizing the need for maintaining discipline and calm above all things, the Civilian Defense Director stated that "panic" was our worst enemy. He pointed out the difference between an alarm and a blackout and warned the people not to turn a blackout into an alarm.

During an alarm, LaGuardia stated, all activity, including traffic and work, is supposed to cease. But during a blackout, he declared, all industrial, commercial, family and recreational activities are to be carried out without interruption, otherwise the blackout achieves the objectives of an enemy raid.

He revealed that while he was out in Seattle on the West Coast, industrial production was virtually halted during the first and second blackout tests, but that by the third night the blackout was really effective and the factories continued their work.

LaGuardia stated, in response to a question about the construction of air raid shelters, that the "relative position of the enemy was such" as to put that subject in the background for the time being—and that he did not believe the people would have to take to shelters.

CIVILIAN TRAINING

However, he strongly emphasized the importance of training people for such positions as air raid wardens, auxiliary firemen and emergency food and medical corps.

Declaring that "enrollment and listening to lectures" were not enough, LaGuardia said that volunteers should be "toughened up" by reporting to duty two or three nights each week so they would be prepared for the real test when it came.

In summarizing the protection work of the Office of Civilian Defense he characterized it as a "quasi-military" program with the main purpose of affording "maximum protection to life and property under air or other enemy attacks."

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FRANK KNOX

42,000 Laid Off As Ford Halts Output of Cars

Two-Thirds of Plant at River Rouge Now at Standstill

By William Allan

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Dec. 19.—The giant assembly lines of the Ford Motor Co.'s River Rouge plant, with the exception of aircraft tool and die and open-hearth building, shifted to a stop tonight, with 30,618 day Ford workers laid off.

The order came this morning from Donald Nelson, Purchasing agent of OPM, who, because of the shortage in rubber, instructed the Ford Motor Co. to cease production of all luxury cars. This order will stand till Jan. 15, 1942, and if by that time there is rubber, then according to union sources here, the luxury cars may roll off the lines.

Twelve thousand were laid off tonight in Ford's outlying plants throughout the nation. This makes a total layoff at Ford's plants of 42,618. Tonight at the Rouge area only 29,439 Ford workers employed on defense. This is out of a total working capacity of 81,600. Schedules for defense work for 1942 are not on the books on luxury cars is not lifted will be: January 32,814 on defense, February 36,514, March 39,214, with December 1942 seeing 135,000 Ford workers employed in war work.

In other words, more than 60,000 Ford workers employed by the Ford Motor Co., willing and ready to make the planes, tanks and guns to smash the Axis, tonight are walking the streets of Detroit, jobless, because the Ford Motor Co., like General Motors and Chrysler, continued even after the Axis declared war, on the United States, to follow the suicidal policy of business-as-usual.

He did not elaborate on this statement of Japanese naval superiority in the Western Pacific, but it was assumed he meant in the area west of Hawaii, probably in the vicinity of the Philippines where this country's Asiatic fleet—one of three units—is based. The other two units are the Atlantic and Pacific fleets.

"But formidable though our enemies may be," Knox said, "you can be sure that victory—eventually and inevitably—will be ours."

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Japanese Attack Will Insure Her Doom-Knox

Warns of Foe's Power in Far East in Talk to Naval Graduates

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 19 (UP).

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox admitted frankly today that the Dec. 7 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was successful "in its immediate effects and nearby results," but that it ultimately will lead to "certain victory" for the United States.

"Remember that your father did not lose his life, he gave it," the middle was Isaac Campbell Kidd, 22, of Long Beach, Cal., whose father, Rear Admiral Isaac C. Kidd, was killed at Pearl Harbor 12 days ago.

States because the enemy's treasury unified the American people. "We ought to have been on guard against treachery," he said, adding that had the American forces been warned only 30 minutes in advance it would have made "all the difference in the world."

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Lehman Endorses Russian War Aid

Hopes Yule Medical Relief Campaign Will Be Successful

In a letter to Russian War Relief, Inc., 635 Fifth Ave., Gov. Herbert H. Lehman yesterday endorsed the Christmas Candle Campaign conducted by the relief agency and expressed his hope that the street collection drive, which features the campaign would be successful.

"The Russian Army has been carrying on an epic and heroic resistance against the ruthless might of the German armies," the Governor wrote. "There can be no doubt that their brave resistance and the present successful offensive is of the greatest value in the common fight against Hitlerism."

"Our government is supplying the Russian Army with war equipment. The people of Russia have called upon us for medical supplies, surgical instruments and warm clothing, which can only be supplied through private endeavor. I hope that the Christmas Candle Campaign to furnish medical supplies, surgical instruments and warm clothing will be very successful."

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Detroit to Honor Its Browder Brigade Today

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Dec. 19.—A banquet to honor the Browder Brigade of this city will be held, Saturday, Dec. 20 at the I. W. O. Hall, 8951 12th Street, at 7:00 P. M.

In an appeal to all friends and readers of the Daily Worker, the Daily Worker Director, Robert Reed said, "we appeal to all those who read and support America's outstanding labor paper, the Daily and Sunday Worker, to rally to this banquet and honor those tireless Browder Brigaders."

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Thousands of Arms Workers Pledge Nation To Outproduce Axis in Shop-gate Rallies

9,000 at Bridgeport General Electric Plant Meet During Lunch Hour

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 19.—Nine thousand workers employed at the General Electric plant here met during lunch hour Thursday and cheered speakers who called for a production tempo that will outproduce the Axis.

Among those who addressed the employees were Oliver Arsenault, president of Local 213, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, and J. Stewart Clark, works manager. The speeches were sent over a public address system.

Arsenault declared in his address:

"Hitler's war machine and production of war materials far exceeds ours at present. We have a tremendous job ahead of building our armed forces and a still bigger job of placing implements of war in the hands of our soldiers, sailors, marines, aviators and allies. This job of production is our main interest now."

Pratt & Whitney Workers Hear Noted Speakers, Cheer Call to Crush Axis

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 19.—Congregating in one of the large buildings of the Pratt and Whitney division of the Niles-Bement-Pond company at West Hartford here this week, 4,600 workers pledged their determination to break records in production to smash the enemy on the battlefield.

A group of prominent public and government officials addressed the works rally, among them Governor Hurley, Clayton H. Burt, company president and Thomas R. Malloy, president of the CIO State Industrial Council.

Boston CIO Electrical Locals Say 'Our Sacred Task' Is to Produce

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Thousands of workers employed at the four big plants General Electric Co., at Lynn and Everett yesterday staged huge "victory meetings," organized by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, in co-operation with the managements.

The Lynn local of the union has 18,000 members.

Thousands of workers throughout the plants who were unable to get into the jammed meetings heard the proceedings over sound systems.

Had a dozen union officials, in charge of each of the four meetings, spent a week on the preparations. The union declaration, read at the meetings said:

"The workers of this nation will prove that free Americans can out-produce, as they can outfight, any combination of slave peoples. Ours is a sacred task to which we must consecrate mind and heart and hand. We will have to do the best possible job. Each one of us in our plants has a distinct obligation to our country. Therefore we publicly pledge ourselves to that task by publicly stating that we will diligently and conscientiously apply ourselves to our respective duties, and solemnly pledge to use the machinery of our collective bargaining agreements in every detail so that whatever our differences may be in the process of labor relations, the needs of our country will transcend the worst of them."

"This we solemnly pledge ourselves to do without any stoppage of work, confident that the Company will guide its policies and actions accordingly, so that we can jointly do the best job possible in the interest of the country. Joined in this high purpose, labor can help not only to crush the Axis aggressors, but also to build a new world of peace and security."

At the invitation of the union, company spokesmen addressed the meetings. The union asserted that it expected the company to do its part and avoid anything to jeopardize the union's position because of its "willingness to bend over backwards during the country's hour of trial."

Text of Bridges' Plan for Maximum Production in Maritime Transport of War Materials and Supplies

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The Bridges plan for more efficient loading and unloading of ship cargoes will in effect be the "equivalent of a substantial fleet" for the country the West Coast CIO leader revealed in the text of the proposal now accepted by shipowners and the U. S. Maritime Commission.

The plan providing for greater utilization of loading and unloading machinery, use of abandoned docks and better protection of cargo space, was submitted by Harry Bridges, President of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, CIO.

The text of the plan, titled "Plan for maximum production of maritime transport and war materials and supplies," follows in full:

PLAN FOR MAXIMUM PRODUCTION IN MARITIME TRANSPORT OF WAR MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Even prior to the declaration of war by the Axis powers against the United States of America, the problem of utilizing all available cargo space in American and Allied vessels, securing rapid turn-around of vessels transporting materials of war to the nations fighting the Pacific Axis, was one to be dealt with by complete understanding and cooperation of all parties concerned.

Now that we are engaged in war, such understanding and co-operative effort is imperative for the security of the nation and the defeat of Hitler and his allies.

The problem of securing the most rapid dispatch and shortest turn-around of all ships in American ports is vital to defense and ultimate victory in the war.

The solution to the problem can best be found by joint planning and effort on the part of the unions representing the personnel needed to load and unload the ships, the ship operators who own

Lyons Tells of Statewide AFL War Aid Drive

41 Central Labor Bodies to Meet in Albany on Jan. 6 on Plans

The American Federation of Labor in the City and New York State is gearing itself to go all-out in every phase of activity in the industrial and civilian defense fields, Thomas J. Lyons, state president of the AFL, told the delegates to the Central Trades and Labor Council of Greater New York at its regular meeting here Thursday night.

Highlighting the drive will be a meeting of representatives of the 41 central labor bodies of the AFL from throughout the state to be held in Albany on Jan. 6, Lyons revealed in his address before the Central Trades here. At that meeting, plans which have been worked out in conjunction with Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, head of Civilian Defense, and Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, state head of civilian defense activities, will be put into effect as swiftly as possible.

The plans worked out thus far, Lyons told the Central Trades delegates, include a state set-up of 24 chairmen composed of AFL leaders from all branches of the AFL, divided into sub-divisions of building trades unionists, teamsters and transport workers, building service workers, clothing workers, food workers and women members of the American Federation of Labor.

AIR RAID SYSTEM

In the event of a raid, for instance, on New York City, Mr. Lyons told the delegates, the final machinery of AFL civilian defense will be ready to swing into action. With the teamsters and transport workers ready to evacuate civilians, transport materials; while the building service employees will act as building raid wardens. Building service workers will be equipped to make quick repairs of damaged structures, while food and clothing workers will concentrate on feeding and clothing problems. Other unions of the AFL will be prepared to handle the manifold problems that arise, Mr. Lyons said.

Meanwhile, the AFL intends to push production in every vital field of industry upon which the nation's war effort depends, the state AFL president declared.

SAYS LABOR IS UNITED

Lyons indicated that the AFL in this state is looking toward unity within the labor movement during his address:

"We have had a distinct split in labor since 1936," he said. "But overnight we have become united—"

are as united to do a job to serve this democracy that we all love."

William Collins, general state organizer of the AFL, also addressed the delegates and called for a united all-out effort to beat the Axis.

Joseph Keegan, member of the Screen Actors' Guild, dressed in colonial costume, recited in full the Bill of Rights to the delegates. The delegates also witnessed a movie short based upon the enactment of the Bill of Rights.



Learn Firemen's Jobs: Mrs. Betty Wassner, New York housewife, wears an "Indian pack pump" while James A. Hoey, Fire Department lieutenant, demonstrates its use in extinguishing fires started by incendiary bombs to other members of the American Women's Voluntary Service. The three-gallon pump can be operated by one person.

John Huston and Frank Capra, Film Directors, Join Army

John Huston and Frank Capra are joining the Army as soon as they complete the films which they are now directing at Warner Bros. Burbank studio. Huston, whose initial directorial effort was "The Maltese Falcon," is currently working on "In This Our Life," which stars Bette Davis, Olivia de Havilland, George Brent and Dennis Morgan. He will take up duties as a captain in the Army Signal Corps.

The son of Walter Huston, he is 35, married, but has no children. He served for a time with the Mexican Army as a cavalry lieutenant.

Mr. Capra, who has directed "It Happened One Night," "The Great Dictator" and "The Bachelors," is also joining the Army.

William Collins, general state organizer of the AFL, also addressed the delegates and called for a united all-out effort to beat the Axis.

Joseph Keegan, member of the Screen Actors' Guild, dressed in colonial costume, recited in full the Bill of Rights to the delegates. The delegates also witnessed a movie short based upon the enactment of the Bill of Rights.

Attorneys for Harlem Youths Fined by Court

A fine of \$100 or the alternative of 10 days in jail was levied yesterday against two defense attorneys in the trial of George Johnson, Negro youth, and Alfredo Ortiz, Puerto Rico lad, charged with "attacking" and "robbing" a woman.

The attorneys, Morris Dickman and Henry Pollack, had refused to proceed in the case unless the court allowed sufficient time for them to prepare their defense.

Judge Jonah Goldstein in Court of General Sessions, Part 1, declared the sentence.

Upon the attorneys' withdrawal from the defense on the grounds that they could not properly represent the defendants, Judge Goldstein "assigned" them. When they persisted in their position, they were declared in contempt of court and a hearing set for yesterday.

Samuel Neuburger, counsel for Dickman and Pollack and into whose custody they were paroled, said the judge's decision was "abuse of judicial discretion" and that, "if necessary," he would appeal it "all the way up to the United States Supreme Court."

Groups Meet On Civilian Nutrition Case

City, Welfare, Health, Local Organizations Plan 'Food to Win'

Representatives of 20 local planning groups, municipal departments and a score of voluntary health and welfare organizations cooperating with the New York City Nutrition Program met yesterday afternoon to outline further plans for bringing the program of "Food Joins the Colors for Civilian Defense" to the public.

Meeting in the auditorium of the Health Department, the gathering heard Dr. Margaret W. Bernard, organization secretary of the nutrition program and Edith M. Barber, food editor, on the importance of varied diets for victory.

By arrangement with the British Library of Information and the American Film Center, "Britain at War" and "Penny a Day" were shown. The latter film is a description of the penny-milk plan in public, junior high and high schools.

AID FROM CHILDREN

Miss Sue E. Sadov, supervisor of the Home Economics Section of the Department of Welfare, asked all representatives to make the penny plan available to the children under their care. She pointed out that the penny plan was only going to one-third of the 800,000 children eligible to the program.

Dr. Bernard addressed the meeting in behalf of Commissioner John L. Rice and Dr. Herbert R. Edwards, chairman of the coordinating committee of the city-wide program, who were both called to Washington for war emergency work.

The nutrition program which plans to bring adequate and varied foods to all citizens, avoid wastage and stop hoarding will be projected during the next six-month period. Materials for distribution, education and propaganda were handed out at the meeting.

TRAIN SCIENTISTS TO WIN WAR, M. I. T. HEAD SAYS

President Compton Terms Technical Skill Decisive in Struggle

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 19 (UP).—President Karl T. Compton of Massachusetts Institute of Technology said today that the war must be fought on the highest level of technical skill if America hopes to win.

Never before has there been a war in which brain power has been so much more potent than brute force or undisciplined mob enthusiasm," he told the faculty and students.

"The compelling urge of every American citizen and every American institution is to bring this war speedily to a successful conclusion. We are determined to eradicate aggression and aggressors from the world, and to establish a society in which free people can achieve their aspirations without fear of compulsion."

He said the Institute must cooperate by giving priority to the education and training of scientists and engineers to the highest degree of competence. It must maintain without curtailment the educational program in engineering sciences; it must intensify utilization of resources of staff and laboratories for development of materials and mechanisms needed to prosecute the war successfully.

How Soviet Plant Organized Output

A Blueprint Becomes A Gun in Six Weeks

MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—A thrilling chapter in the story of Soviet war production was written in Leningrad at the height of the Nazi siege, it was revealed here today. The story is of the workers in a small arms plant, who last August received an order to put into production a new type of sub-machine gun.

Within six weeks after the order and the designs, by the famed armament designer, Degtyarev, had been received the guns were rolling off the assembly lines.

Every part of the gun is manufactured in the same plant. Other Soviet factories are furnishing endless examples of speed, efficiency and personal sacrifice on the part of the workers.

When the war broke out, the Kuznetsov steel mill received an urgent order to manufacture high grade steel for tanks. All the preparatory work, including structural changes in the smelting furnaces and the manufacture of a large number of intricate mechanisms was completed in a short time. The manufacture of high grade steel in large smelters required the revision of the whole technological process. But this too was successfully accomplished. Everybody was eager to fulfill the orders ahead of schedule and the socialist competition yielded splendid results. The output of new

steel was quickly organized and the Kuznetsov plant overfulfilled its annual plan of increasing labor productivity.

Large and small industrial establishments play their part in producing supplies for the front. In most cases war production required substantial reorganization.

One small carriage shop had for years been engaged in turning out wagons, sledges and furniture. Recently the plant was given a large order for skis and in record time the production was totally reorganized and thoroughly mechanized. Today this shop supplies the Red Army with first rate skis.

Here is a soap factory which always engaged in most peaceful pursuits. Now this factory is turning out mortars.

The same could be observed in another plant which before the war manufactured non-military goods and now turns out thousands of mortars.

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An Entire Nation In Arms

The extension of the conscription age limits as proposed by the President and almost unanimously approved by the Senate, is appropriate and timely.

To destroy the Axis is a big job. It requires that the resources of America—both man-power, and materials—be mobilized to the maximum.

Volunteering will be officially stopped by the authorities next week. For although the wave of voluntary enlistments shows the patriotic sentiments of the people, what is needed is that the entire nation rapidly become versed in the use of arms to be used against the Axis.

Conscription is the efficient and democratic method and takes into account the special needs of the war industries.

In view of the fact that the very existence of the nation is now at stake, the widest use of conscription becomes imperative.

Developments in The War Industries

The announcement by Associate OPM Director Sidney Hillman that a joint government-labor-employer conference in the rubber industry has approved a program to meet priorities unemployment, is welcome news.

Meanwhile, Hillman announces that similar conferences are being called in other war industries to take up various phases of increasing production. Such conferences are at least a first step in the direction of the Murray Industry Council plan.

In the auto industry, however, there has still been no action by the government, specifically by William S. Knudsen of the OPM, to whom President Roosevelt referred the Reuther plan, drawn up by the United Auto Workers.

On the eve of a meeting of the UAW representatives to discuss the widespread unemployment in the industry and the failure to convert the industry to war work, President R. J. Thomas has asked Knudsen for an explanation as to why the Reuther plan has not been adopted by the OPM.

The immediate conversion of the giant auto industry to war work, is absolutely essential for the success of the war program. The union has presented a practical plan and the continued failure of Knudsen to act upon it should concern the entire country.

Degenerates

Degenerates who have cut themselves off from all culture alone could have done what the Nazis did to the birthplace museums of Tolstoy, Tchaikovsky and Chekhov.

The world has just learned that Toystoy's world-famous Yasnaya Polyana estate was put to the torch and looted by the Nazi troops. Precious mementoes of the great Russian novelist were stolen or burned. Luckily, a young Soviet doctor succeeded in quenching the flames before the entire estate was destroyed.

In other places, Tchaikovsky's manuscripts were burned or flung into the stables.

This brutish hatred for culture is typical of the whole Nazi regime which knows only how to rob and destroy.

"When I hear the word culture I reach for my revolver." This braggart yell of a Nazi leader is truly expressive of the whole gang. The world has not for centuries witnessed such utter animality and depravity on so organized a scale. The bloody savages who smashed the Greek statues a millennium ago had, at least, the excuse of primeval ignorance. The Nazis have no such excuse. They are seeking to destroy what mankind has built up through the centuries. They themselves must be destroyed. Everything mankind has created for its joy and ennoblement is at stake.

A Danger to Hemispheric Unity

The state of siege that President Castillo has imposed upon Argentina is a serious development of immense danger to the Argentinians and to the peoples of both Americas.

Castillo said that this drastic measure is to enforce the decisions of the Havana Conference. But this is a cover for suppressing public protests against the fraudulent Buenos Aires elections and, above all, for muzzling the anti-fascist sentiments of the people. For the first act under the siege was a decree banning a people's demonstration in support of President Roosevelt's policy of hemispheric unity against the Axis. Meanwhile, Castillo permits fascist Fifth Columns full leeway to undermine anti-Hitler unity and to carry on anti-Argentine activities.

From the indignation expressed by Argentine patriots and people's organizations, it is clear that Castillo's actions do not represent the nation's sentiment. In fact, he is acting counter to the feelings of the great majority of the Latin-American nations, no less than eight of which have declared war against the Axis in solidarity with the United States.

Castillo's siege is against the people, not against the Axis as he pretends. Under his administration, Argentine wheat is being sent to Hitler's satellites which are working to a large extent through the fascist Franco regime. This situation in Argentina focuses attention on other Hitler nests in Latin-America, among them Brazil, which is geographically nearest Dakar, now coveted by the Nazis in Africa.

Here is a dangerous condition that has to be given vigilant attention by the United States. Certainly, all pro-Franco and appeaser influence should be sternly eradicated from the State Department. Prompt support should be expressed for the Argentine and other Latin-American peoples in eliminating the pro-Hitler obstacles to full hemispheric unity against the Axis.

Where the Money Came from

Miss Laura Ingalls' arrest by the Department of Justice focuses attention on the whole question of Nazi connections and financing of the America First Committee.

This woman, a political accomplice and companion of Charles Lindbergh, was, according to the FBI's charges, "acting for" and received compensation from—the government of the German Reich," without registering as a foreign agent. She, of course, like Lindbergh, pretended innocent political opposition, while she exploited her prominence as an aviatrix, to undermine anti-Hitler unity and to spread anti-Semitism and racial hatreds in Goebbels style.

Honest rank and file citizens who followed the America First Committee can now see who was financing this outfit and why it was so silent on this question. Many leaders of the Committee were manipulating it to weaken the country in preparation for the Axis attack that treacherously came.

Our country must deal sternly with all Nazi ideologists and eliminate their influence in order that the war can be prosecuted to victory. It must be made impossible for any concealed Fifth Columnists of Hitler to rise up and strike the country from within.

Fruit of the War Against Hitler

A United Press dispatch from Manila quoted an American soldier as saying that when he returned to the States, if anyone ever expressed racial prejudice against a Filipino again, "I'll knock hell out of him."

This statement affords a profound insight into the character of the war. In the fight to destroy Hitler, the common menace of mankind, men are learning, under fire, the national dignity and the right to equality of every people in the common cause. They are seeing Hitlerite "racism" as a danger to the unity and morale necessary for military victory.

Filipino soldiers have signally distinguished themselves. Several have won laurels in the air and two, flying planes none too modern, have been recommended for Distinguished Service Crosses. These achievements are in full keeping with the traditions of the Filipinos as a nation and herald what the Negro and every other oppressed or colonial people will do against the Axis when accorded the opportunity.

Elimination of discriminatory barriers not only insures justice to victim peoples, but it strengthens the country's military arm in its gravest crisis.

Meanwhile, the fight against Hitler has released those democratic and fair sentiments which will cause large numbers of people to become active foes against all forms of racial discrimination and injustice.

WAR PRODUCTION



How Soviet Strategy Liberated Tikhvin; Red Army Flank Tactics Panic Nazis

By Major General Lyapin
(Writing in Pravda)
(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—Pierce fighting around the district of Tikhvin started more than a month ago when the German command dispatched the 39th Army Corps under General Schmidt to this sector. The German command rightly considered Tikhvin as a strategic point connecting Leningrad with the rest of the country and its occupation by the Germans would have meant an intensified blockade of Leningrad.

The German command likewise viewed Tikhvin as a support point for advancing further north and joining the Finns. The truth of the matter is that the Germans were seriously disturbed about the condition of the Finnish army which was literally disintegrating. The soldiers do not want to fight against the Soviet Union; anti-German sentiments pre-dominate among them. The German command reckoned that if the German troops would come into contact with the Finnish this would improve the state of affairs in the Finnish Army and increase its activity on the Karelian front.

What is more, this would have made it easier for the Germans to control their "ally" and bring pressure to bear on her. Finally the Germans needed Tikhvin as a support point for penetrating deeper into the Soviet land. They already saw themselves in the Ural.

The German command hurried against Tikhvin five divisions including the 8th and 12th Tank Divisions and the 18th and 20th motorized Infantry Divisions, forming part of General Schmidt's corps.

As is known the German offensive met with some success in the beginning. They succeeded in crossing the Volkhov river and advancing into the district of Vygoboh.

The Soviet troops self-sacrificingly checked the enemy onslaught, doggedly defending every inch of Soviet soil. Three weeks were needed to cover the longest route to Tikhvin.

The superiority in the enemy forces decided the fate of the town. After violent battles the Soviet troops withdrew from it. But in the fighting at the approaches to Tikhvin,

the Soviet units bled the enemy white. The 8th and 12th German Tank Divisions and the 20th motorized Infantry Division were no longer full fighting formations but merely detachments with a small number of tanks, the majority of which the Germans dug into the ground since they were useless in action.

SOVIET STRATEGY

After occupying the town, the Germans attempted to advance northwards. But here the damage inflicted on the Germans at the approaches to the town had its effect. The Germans were able to advance only some kilometers. In the meantime the Germans managed to entrench themselves in the towns, utilizing everything that could be adapted for defense for long duration.

The actual disposition of the enemy when he was hurried against the town reminded one in its outlines of a sack. The Soviet plan of attack was to tie the sack at its base which meant that several roads had to be intercepted including the railroad near the town and thus cut off the enemy's routes of retreat and deprive him of the possibility of receiving munitions and troops.

Along all the roads the approaches to the town were heavily fortified by the Germans. One group of Soviet troops pierced the defense line, meeting with strong enemy opposition.

ENCIRCLEMENT PLAN

Simultaneously to the south a second Soviet group went into action, its task being to interrupt communications along two roads leading to Tikhvin, somewhat further from the town in the event of the struggle for the latter becoming protracted.

Thus, the Germans were threatened by encirclement.

The second Soviet group, operating very energetically, soon cut the enemy's communications. Just then the enemy received fresh reinforcements—the 61st Infantry Division which was dispatched from Narva.

However, already at the approaches to Tikhvin this division lost half of its men killed by the shells and bombs of the Soviet air-

men who incessantly bombed and raided the enemy columns. Many German soldiers were frost-bitten since the Soviet aircraft drove the Germans into the snow where it kept them for several hours at a stretch. Thus, the 61st Infantry Division not only failed to come to the assistance of the Tikhvin German group, but itself fell a victim to the adventure embarked upon by the German command.

CRACK ENEMY DEFENSE

The Germans tried to save their units and military equipment and managed to withdraw part of their units from town. Hearing of these measures, the Soviet troops immediately launched an offensive and striking powerful counter-blows, broke down the enemy's resistance.

On Dec. 9, the troops under General Meretkov occupied Tikhvin. The enemy retreated in the direction of Vygoboh pursued by the Red Army men who liquidated the remnants of their detachments which on the appearance of the Soviet troops dropped their weapons and fled.

Towards evening, Dec. 11, the Soviet units had advanced 30 kilometers beyond Tikhvin, liberating more than 56 inhabited points.

LESSONS OF TIKHVIN

It can be stated that the 39th Army Corps which had already lost more than 20,000 killed and wounded has been routed. The Red Army men are now mopping up remnants of the corps.

The battles for Tikhvin were a splendid school for the Red Army men and commanders. The activity of the artillerymen calls for special mention. They intrepidly rolled out the guns, including howitzers, to the firing line and fired point blank at the enemy. The offensive in the district of Tikhvin reveals that in the defense operations, the Germans were particularly vulnerable to flank thrusts. The Germans who claim to be the only specialists at flank movements and encirclements are themselves terribly afraid of them and when threatened by encirclement lose their grit and self-control and become panicky. Such was the case at Rostov, such was the case at Tikhvin.

Philippine Refugees Describe Fighting

MANILA, Dec. 19 (UP).—Refugees, streaming into Manila today, disclosed that hundreds of Filipino civilians, armed only with bolo knives or sharpened bamboo poles, had charged into Japanese rifle and machine gun fire beside United States and Philippine troops to hold off the invaders in Southern Luzon.

Using such weapons as they had in their homes and fields, witnesses said, the Filipinos fought furiously, running into the Japanese beyond lines, to enable their women and children to escape to safety in the interior.

A woman refugee arriving from the area, said hundreds of women and children fled from Legaspi, the southern invasion center, because Japanese soldiers were shooting all non-combatants who refused to "co-operate."

Twelve Americans, mining men and their families, arrived from north of Manila after hitch hiking for days.

L. L. Caldwell, mine chemist, said that the party had started to drive up country but had found railroad service cut and started hiking southward through alternate jungle and clearings.

Women and children suffered from exposure.

A dispatch to the newspaper Tribune from Baguio, in the north, gave a vivid description of the Japanese landing at Vigan, on the West Coast.

Defin La Chica, a bus station agent who escaped with his wife, told the story.

At least seven Japanese transports took part in the landing operations, La Chica said.

Filipino soldiers, heavily outnumbered, attacked the Japanese at once, La Chica said, and fought until they were encircled. Then they fought their way through the Japanese lines and escaped.

La Chica said that one I. Hara, a Japanese business man of Vigan, betrayed the city. Hara, believed to be a Japanese army officer in disguise, acted as liaison officer for the Japanese, he said, and was named Japanese "governor" of the Vigan area.

The Japanese made the provincial capital their headquarters. La Chica said, took over school buildings, closed all Filipino stores and reopened the Japanese stores which had been closed.

Another refugee said that the Japanese found Vigan almost deserted except for its little group of determined Filipino defenders.

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

READERS' DAY

"STRATEGIC RETREAT"

We're dropping our guns
And leaving our tanks;
We're making long runs
To the rear from our flanks;
But it's not a defeat,
Just a strategic retreat!

We're leaving our dead
And the wounded behind;
Fifty divisions have fled
With panic gone blind;
But don't think that we're beat,
It's a strategic retreat.

We're hungry and cold,
Minus motors and oil;
Our dead millions turn mold
Under scorched Russian soil;
And we pass Ukraine's wheat
On our strategic retreat.

We're encircled and trapped
And our planes have flown home;
Our machine guns lie scrapped
O'er the Soviet loam;
But we loudly repeat—
It's a strategic retreat!

GORDON KAY.

When looking for fascist friends of the Fuehrer,
Congressman Dies, why not look in the Muehrer?
SIDNEY JEROME.

TO THE MEMORY OF CAPTAIN COLIN KELLY

From the skies he flew like a panther,
Like a cyclone he struck his blow
And destroyed the mighty Haruna,
The pride of Tokio

Down he goes for marksmanship,
Down he goes with a story;
Down he goes with the battleship,
Down he goes with glory!

GEORGE PRATYAS.

For the democracies my wish is:
Send Hitler to the fishes!

SUGARMAN.

For Victory over the Fascist foe,
Roll back the gates—let Browder go!
S. V. V.

We shall win—that is certain!
Victory is sure.
We shall out-fight the enemy,
Out-produce, out-endure!

A. S.

It warms my heart to hear the Nazis are getting
cold feet.

FUR MERCHANT EMPLOYEE.

Letters From Our Readers

To More Firmly Establish Military And Social Morale in the Common Struggle...

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is with delight that I read an article in the Sunday Worker on Dec. 14 which mentioned that a volume is being prepared in the USSR entitled, "Russian Culture and England," throwing light on such literary figures as Byron (who had an effect on Pushkin and Lermontov), Sir Walter Scott and his interest in the patriotic Russian War of 1812 and its partisan movement.

There is much that we can do for the cultural comradeship of the Russian, American and English people; dig up traditional cultural ties of the past and more firmly establish our military and social morale in the common struggle.

And let us not forget the smaller nations under Hitler's heel. Byron, who gave his life on the battlefield for the emancipation of Greece, should inspire the fight for freedom of the smaller nations under Hitlerism.

Here's to an American volume on our cultural ties with England and Russia.

M. W.

Recommends Use of 'Active' Words

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Can anything be done about that word "defense"? Sure, we understand that "defense of our nation" implies today far, far more than coastal fortifications, anti-aircraft weapons and other "protective" measures—it implies no less than complete annihilation of the fascist scum, and surely this implies measures that we would list under the heading of "offense."

Semantics, the study of the shades of meaning words possess in common usage, would say of the word "defense" that it has "passive" overtones; that it has come to be associated in the mind of the average American with the isolationist point of view of "defense of our shores" or "defense of our boundaries." Don't you think, therefore, that we need a "stronger" term? Glancing at random through a "Daily" editorial I see the phrase, "The labor-employer-government conference on defense." Don't you think it would gain if labeled the "labor-employer-government conference on victory," or some such "active" word?

A NEW YORK MUSICIAN.

'Open Gates of Freedom to Earl Browder'

Cleveland, Ohio.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to the President. "Certainly yours is a tremendous responsibility guiding the nation in an all-out war against the racist aggressor nations."

"Nevertheless, I am writing to let you know, as many others, no doubt, are doing—that we are with you, 100 per cent in the battle to destroy Hitlerism. Although I too, was afflicted with infantile paralysis and am handicapped in navigating about, I am volunteering to serve our Civilian Defense in any suitable capacity."

"I am also writing to urge you, on the 150th anniversary of the adoption of our Bill of Rights, to open the gates of freedom to the staunch opponent of fascism, Earl Browder. Considering that Earl Browder had long warned against the inevitable war that would result from appeasing Hitler and the Mikado, I think America needs the benefit of his counsel at this time of great national emergency."

"I am addressing this appeal to you, because I have full faith in your sense of justice and fair play."

H. L. B.

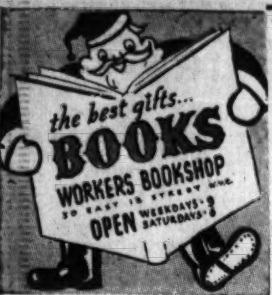
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By Lester Rodney

NYU and St. John's make their Garden debuts tonight, meeting the fives of Syracuse and Oklahoma University respectively. The Violets are unbeaten and untested as yet, but Syracuse figures to make it.

Nat Lazar, a really fine team player, the only regular from last year's team. But first line reserve Bob Davidoff, a driving fighter, has blossomed into a scoring ace, and Jim Coward, Negro star who transferred from Brooklyn College is a superior worker around the backboards. Sophomore Lester Mintz, a 6 foot 3 lad of some promise, will start at center and Paul Payne, rugged reserve of last year, will round out the first five. Slated for considerable action are Al Grenier and Sol Glogover, soph flashes. Semi-regular Turner is not in the best shape due to a bad knee.

In Syracuse the Violets is encountering a hard driving, seasoned team which finished last season on high. It's not a slick team and can be stopped by a zone, as Penn State demonstrated the other night, but NYU has no zone. Shapes up as a fast, high scoring tilt.

St. John's has already bowed to the good looking Dartmouth team up at Hanover, but may be much improved tonight and better than generally believed. Jim White is still a deadly pop shot and general scoring ace, Gellen and Tough are good offensive operatives and the two ex-Madison boys, Levine and Baxter, seem to be improving apace.

Oklahoma, unbeaten to date, has a veteran team except for its sensational sophomore, Gerald Tucker, 6 foot 5, 200 pounder who scored 10 points against Southern Methodist. Most colorful performer on the ball club is A. D. "Up" Roberts, round-shouldered "Firing Pharmacist" who

Lineups, Numbers For Tonite's Games

FIRST GAME 8:15 P. M.
No. St. John's Position Oklahoma No.
7 Gellen F. Roberts 25
4 Tough R.F. Rousay 23
14 Levine C. Tucker 32
12 White L.G. Heap 32
9 Baxter R.G. Reich 30

ST. JOHN'S RESERVES: Rosini (3), Moschetti (4), Wallace (8), Henry (10), Milhaven (15), Golub (18).

OKLAHOMA RESERVES: Lehman (23), West (21), Gray (27), Tom Rousay (30), Fred McKenna (28), Don Jones (24), Jim Turner (22), Bob McCurdy (21), Mitchell Simon (31).

SECOND GAME
No. N.Y.U. Position Syracuse No.
22 Lazar L.F. DiPace 21
23 Payne R.F. Stanton 7
13 Coward L.G. Willmott 15
12 Davidoff R.G. Sayle 10

N. Y. U. RESERVES: Grenier (4), Maher (6), Glogover (8), Turner (11), Tomlinson (18), Ruffin (20), Kain (31), Schuman (34).

SYRACUSE RESERVES: Sylvestri (4), Clark (8), Materson (6), Beck (9), Shickney (12), Tice (14), Thomas (18), Shaddock (19), Hoepfel (20).

OFFICIALS: Pat Kennedy and Matty Regovich.

sings and dances during action. In the SMU game he had spectators roaring with laughter and the opposition confused. They say in the midst of a burst of song he took the ball right out of an astonished opponent's hands and dribbled in for a goal. They say, "We ain't seen it."

With a clean record after picking CCNY and LIU to win last week, we split our ticket on the locals tonight and say:

NYU and OKLAHOMA.

BASKETBALL

CCNY vs. Springfield
Tonight—Jaspers Beaten

CCNY's slick team, with all the earmarks of a great ball club following its great Garden opener against Oklahoma A. & M. last week, meets the Springfield team in the City gym tonight. It's a Golden Jubilee game for the benefit of the Naismith Fund.

Twont be a pushover for the Beavers, as Springfield nosed out Manhattan 51-45 at the Jasper gym Thursday night, surprisingly enough. Manhattan misses center Courtney, who cut a finger severely in an accident. Barney Hassett, brother of basketball's Buddy, kept scoring high with 12.

UCLA, absorbing a basketball lesson from members of the Big Ten, went down to its fourth straight defeat, Indiana handing it out 47-34. The Big Ten is tough, but DIDN'T have the best team in the land last year as a current magazine suggests. LIU had that little thing.

Frenchy to Giants?

Frenchy Bordagary may be the next acquisition of Mel Ott for his 1942 streamlined Giants, according to a well-authenticated rumor in baseball circles yesterday. Eddie Brannick, secretary of the Polo Grounds, refused to deny the report, which is to the effect that Frenchy, spare tire on the Yankees last season, will be waived out of the American League. The recent release of Moe Amovich leaves the job of right-hand pinch-hitter open on the Giants, a spot which Frenchy held down for Joe McCarthy's team last season.

FISTIC ROW: \$100,000 FOR NAVY RELIEF

Buddy Baer Cuts Share; Angott Ringtime Favorite

Sammy Angott weighed 133½ and lightweight champ Lew Jenkins hit the scales at 135 last night at the Garden. Angott was a 2-1 favorite.

(This edition goes to press too early for results of the fight. Ringside observations and dressing room interviews by Lester Rodney in the Sunday Worker style tomorrow.)

Buddy Baer has lopped another two and a half per cent off his share of the Naval Relief Society but with Joe Louis at the Garden Jan. 9. He had already donated 3 per cent of the usual 20 per cent, which means he'll be fighting for 12 per cent. Louis and promoter Mike Jacobs are contributing everything. Buddy hasn't much money. The total clear receipts for the Naval Relief Society may go over \$100,000. Harry Markson of the 20th Century Sporting Club told the writer yesterday. Ticket sale opens at Garden Monday morning.

Billy Soose won his first fight as a lightweight Thursday night at Cleveland, outpointing Jim Reeves easily. The former middle champ tipped the scales at 174 and moved with surprising speed and dropped his foe once for a four count. He'll be asking a fight with champ Gus Lernerich after one more trial spin. On the same card Jackie Wilson, Negro welterweight who has compiled a great record on the Coast, KO'd the skillful Mike Kaplan of Boston in the third round.

41 for Franklin

With Elmore Collins gampering 19 points to pace their attack Benjamin Franklin High School's quintet won its 41st straight game Wednesday by knocking over Textile, 39-32. The victory maintained them in a tie for first place with Commerce's five which defeated Stuyvesant, 45-32, in another Manhattan's league clash.

This Defense Plant Needs Help, Too

Workers Correspondence Dept.: To begin with, over 100 workers and myself have been laid off from a National Defense plant that manufactures parachute suspenders. Our boss has told us that it is due to Southern manufacturers holding up the material that is vital to our production.

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We give our fullest support to President Phillip Murray's Industrial Plan. B. G. L.

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NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 19.—Sheriff George H. Becker is organizing a squad of 250 special deputies for emergency duty in the crowded defense plant districts of Essex County. The sheriff has sworn in fifty members of his new squad, after exhaustive investigation of their backgrounds.

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Yanks Plan to Go Without Rizzuto, Henrich and Sturm

Trio Seen in Service—Crosetti Still with Club, First Sacker Being Sought, Preferably McQuinn

Three Yankees, Tommy Henrich, Scooter Rizzuto and Johnny Sturm may be missing from the lineup of the champion Yankees when the opening day of next season comes around. All three are in the expectant class in the draft.

Henrich was recently married. His wife, a former nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, may return to her old job, which would put the fleet outfielder in the classification of married men whose wives are able to support themselves.

Rizzuto was deferred last year as the sole support of his parents. Scooter's father has a part time job on the water-front, and there two other brothers in the Rizzuto family.

Sturm also was deferred because of dependents. It is expected that all three Yankees will be called before their local boards before spring training begins, to clarify their status.

In case they should go, the Yankees have three replacements on the roster. George Selkirk is still able to play a good game in the field and could be used to spell Henrich. Frank Crosetti is still a top-line shortstop, and Gerald Pridy was tried out with some success at first base. It would be necessary for the Yanks to bring up minor leaguers to fill the gaps in their roster.

One rumor, that Dolph Camilli would come to the Yanks, was still when the Giants nabbed Johnny Mize from the Cards, beating Larry MacPhail to the check-book. Another tale peddled is that George McQuinn of the Browns may come to Yankee Stadium at last. This is a possibility, for the Browns sorely need financial aid.

No Shortage of Baseballs Seen

Shortage of baseballs because of war priority requirements is unlikely this season. Shortly after the new tax bill was passed last summer and before it went into effect, most of the important clubs in organized baseball purchased stocks enough to last through 1942.

Baseballs are made of Australian wool, a small amount of rubber, cork and Korheseid. Domestic or South American wool can be used. The percentage of rubber is so small that it will probably not be difficult to obtain sufficient quantities to guarantee liveliness in the ball.

The Bat and Ball Fund, which is to supply \$250,000 worth of equipment for baseball in Army camps, will not draw upon stocks of Australian wool, it is said. This fund, to be administered by the Army from money raised by baseball games, will probably provide for 12.25 balls of domestic composition.

Clark Griffith and President Ford Frick of the National League completed discussions with Army officers Thursday in Washington. Complete plans for organized baseball's aid to the general war relief campaign and in building Army and civilian morale will be announced, it is said, immediately after Jan. 1.

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